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Applicants: Short and Keller
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Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT FLUORESCENCE-BASED SCREENING FOR NOVEL ENZYMES (As Amended)

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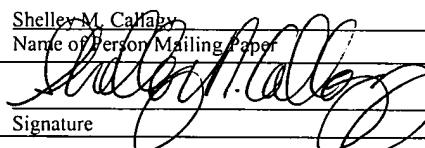
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed herein on October 9, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page six of this paper.

| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 | |
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| I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, February 6, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. | |
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